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Group : 1614

Applicant : Paul R. Sleath et al.

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New York, New York July 2, 2001

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the May 14, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a response is due on or before July 14, 2001. A check in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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